

CUSTER COUNTY ARRA FUNDING AND PROJECTS

- ❖ **Based on the latest information available to the Governor's Office.** This report is not comprehensive because new Recovery Act awards are announced frequently. This does not include funds - including income tax cuts, increased COBRA benefits, increased funds to cover Medicaid services and others - that cannot be broken down by county. The numbers below represent funds that have been awarded and are expected to be received over the life of the Recovery Act. The funds are distributed to a wide range of groups in the county and do not necessarily touch county government.

COMMUNITY SERVICES / SAFETY NET:

- \$165,832** Community Services Block grant to Custer County for poverty reduction and revitalization of low-income communities. Funds will be used to expand and enhance the services of the Colorado Workforce Centers.
- \$37,286** Extra 13 percent in food stamp benefits to about 300 people in Custer County between April 1-October 31, 2009
- \$10,520** Grant to Sears Roebuck & Company to distribute emergency food to households and provide meals to needy people.

WORKFORCE SERVICES AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:

- \$460,884** Workforce Investment Act Funds for job training to the Upper Arkansas County Region (Includes Chaffee, Park, Fremont, and Custer counties)
- \$158,266** Wagner Peyser (WP) & Reemployment Services (RES) to the Upper Arkansas County Region (Includes Chaffee, Park, Fremont, and Custer counties)
- \$341,350** Extra 20 weeks of benefits, through the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, for 57 people (as of June 30, 2010) in Custer County.
- \$81,325** Extra \$25 per week in unemployment benefits through the Federal Additional Compensation program, for 128 people (as of June 30, 2010)
- \$38,273** Additional 13 weeks of unemployment benefits through a new state law given to 15 people in Custer County as of June 30, 2010.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT:

- \$229,743** Estimated funds to be spent for free energy efficiency upgrades in low-income homes in Custer County
- \$155,000** Energy Efficiency Conservation Block grant to the Colorado State University Extension Service for energy efficiency improvements in Custer and Fremont counties.
- \$776** Rebates for 7 people in Custer County for the purchase of energy-efficient appliances including, dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces, and boilers.

EDUCATION:

\$61,595 Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies funds awarded to Custer County Consolidated C1 School District.

SMALL BUSINESS SERVICES:

\$6,750 Loan to Garris Photography through the U.S. Small Business Administration